

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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AUGUST 1, 2014

The six hundred and eighty fifth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on August 1, 2014, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 9:12 AM in Room No. 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members

Present:	David H. Barkin	Board Member
	Carole W. Briggs	Board Member
	Robert B. Hurd	Board Member
	S. Edward Jeter	Chairman
	Pauline S. Morales	Board Member

Board Members

Not Present: None.

Vacancies: None.

Others Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection (DCP)
	Steven Schwane	Staff Attorney
	Peter R. Huntsman	Attorney General's Office
	Bruce Spiewak	AIA/CT
	Mark Demmerle	Licensing Candidate
	Stuart Allen	Licensing Candidate

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1. Old Business

1A. Submission of the minutes of the May 2, 2014 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. After a thorough review, the Board approved the minutes as submitted. (Barkin/Morales)

1B. Unbound NCARB Council Record from Mr. Brian A. Worsham for consideration by the Board to sit for the Architect Registration Examination; report from Mr. Robert B. Hurd regarding his review of this file. Mr. Hurd presented the Board hard copies of his prospectus for Mr. Worsham and detailed the same for the Board. Mr. Hurd noted that while the Board's Regulations require an accredited professional degree or satisfaction of NCARB's education requirement, Section 20-289-3a (3) allows the Board to review an applicant's individual circumstances to determine whether said applicant possesses "sufficient credentials in the areas of education, training and experience" to warrant admission to the examination.

Mr. Hurd stated that he believes the applicant has met the minimum number of years required to qualify for an National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Certificate under the Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA) program. Further, his work in architecture and construction has given the candidate a well-rounded view of the design and construction processes and of the business of architecture. In conclusion, under Regulation 20-289-3a (3), Mr. Hurd recommends that the Connecticut Architectural Licensing Board allow Mr. Brian A. Worsham to take the Architectural Registration Examination as a Connecticut candidate. ***The Board voted to accept Mr. Hurd's recommendation and admit Mr. Worsham as a Connecticut examination candidate. (Jeter/Morales) It is noted Mr. Hurd abstained from the vote.***

2. New Business

2A. Appearance before the Board by Mr. Mark Demmerle for consideration to continue his Architect Registration Examination as a Connecticut Candidate; for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Demmerle gave the Board a history of both his professional and educational background. He holds an accredited degree in Architecture and has worked for architectural firms from 1981 to 1988. He is self-employed from 1988 to the present time.

Mr. Demmerle has passed all Sections of the *Architectural Registration Examination (A.R.E.)* except *Building Design* as a candidate of New York State. He stated that he is currently a registered building contractor in the State of Connecticut and also performing work as a design/build entity doing primarily residential design and building in southern Fairfield County.

Mr. Demmerle explained to the Board that he has the potential to do work in Connecticut which will require a Connecticut Architect license. The Board advised him to compile an expanded resume outlining his continuous work experience in a format that parallels the current structural outline of the National Council of Architectural Registration Board's Intern Development Program (IDP). Mr. Barkin advised Mr. Demmerle to keep in mind that the Board's focus is solely health, safety, and welfare related and although excellence in design is admirable, that is not what the Board will be basing their review upon. The Board also asked the candidate to submit verifications of his past employment. Mr. Demmerle was advised to forward this required documentation to Mr. Kuzmich via e-mail prior to their September 19, 2014 Regular Meeting, if possible, and they will begin the review process and continue their discussion at the meeting.

2B. Appearance before the Board by Ms. Suzanne Pertusiello for consideration to continue her Architect Registration Examination as a Connecticut Candidate; for review and discussion by the Board. The Board reviewed the documentation Ms. Pertusiello submitted with her E-Mails to them dated May 12, 2014 and July 9, 2014. Among their questions was whether or not Ms. Pertusiello sat for any of the examinations in New York State upon her authorization by them in August of 2003. In addition, the Board questioned why she is not pursuing licensure in New York State and then applying for her license in Connecticut by reciprocity.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted unanimously to postpone action on Ms. Pertusiello's request to sit for the Architect Registration Examination as a Connecticut candidate. Further, they are requiring that she come before them at their September 19, 2014 Regular Meeting to address their questions and concerns in person.
(Hurd/Briggs)

2C. E-Mail from Mr. Stuart Allen dated July 14, 2014 concerning his application procedure for Architect licensing in Connecticut; for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Allen is before the Board today to request their opinion as to whether they would consider his application for Architect's License, and if so, what the appropriate procedure would be for him to apply.

Mr. Allen is currently a licensed Architect in the states of Wisconsin and New York. He was initially licensed in Wisconsin in 2011 and has satisfied NCARB's IDP requirements and passed all sections of the Architectural Registration Examination. He has practiced in the profession since 1997 and provided the Board with his resume.

Mr. Allen holds a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and attended the Master of Architecture program at the University of Illinois but never graduated. Subsequently, he earned an M.S. in Real Estate Law from John Marshall Law School. He is asking the Board to be considered for an Architect's license in Connecticut where he currently resides. The issue at hand with his application is that he does not hold an NCARB Certificate Record and as such, must be licensed in another State for a minimum of ten years for his application to be considered by waiver of examination (reciprocity).

Mr. Hurd, on behalf of the Board, reviewed their policy on applications such as this which this Board has reviewed in the past. Mr. Hurd suggested that Mr. Allen forward his Unbound NCARB Council Record and copies of his out of State Licenses to the Department. In addition, Mr. Allen was instructed to submit a formal application for Architects' License. In response to some questions from Ms. Morales, Mr. Allen noted that he currently resides in Greenwich, Connecticut and has assisted on Interior Design projects but has not done any work in Connecticut that is, by definition, considered the practice of architecture

Mr. Barkin volunteered to step down and review Mr. Allen's application. Further, the Board also advised Mr. Allen that if the requested material can be provided to the Department in time enough for Mr. Barkin to complete his review, the Board may be able to act on this application at their September 19, 2014 Regular Meeting. Mr. Allen thanked the Board for their time and guidance.

2D. The following candidates have passed the *Architect Registration Examination* and are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as an Architect in the State of Connecticut; after a thorough review of their applications, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)

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| 1. Robert Crawford | 4. Maegen McElderry |
| 2. William T. Harke | 5. Stephanie Rogowski |
| 3. Derek C. Keil | 6. Gregory M. Sellas |

2E. Applications for licensing by waiver of examination; the following individuals are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut on the basis of waiver of examination with an NCARB Certificate Record or by Direct Endorsement; the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)

1	Alexander, Greg	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 22283)
2	Berninger, Michael D.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct

3	Beynon, Murray	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 75799)
4	Blasi, Gregory	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 75991)
5	Chander, Neeraj	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 106939)
6	Chung, Jae H.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 95904)
7	Cochrane, Tony L.	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	Direct
8	Erickson, Brian W.	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 141674)
9	Fenwick, Stephen J.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 44149)
10	Fyan, Lisa M.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 69195)
11	Hannon, Robert W.	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 87204)
12	Hilgenberg, Jesse	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 118930)
13	Jacques, Rodney	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 77560)
14	Johnson, Daniel B.	Waiver of Examination; Vermont	(NCARB File No. 66439)
15	Jones, Jr., Everette B.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 76866)
16	Jordan, Jeff	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 90296)
17	Joyner, IV, Ernest L.	Waiver of Examination; Oregon	(NCARB File No. 71065)
18	Kelvin, Juhani M.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 93635)
19	Kenney, Christopher D.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 84095)
20	Kinasiewicz, Michelle	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 103801)
21	Kratzer, Darrell L.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 52811)
22	Leary, Christopher G.	Waiver of Examination; New Hampshire	(NCARB File No. 64620)
23	Lee, Brian D.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 107671)
24	Mabbott, David	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 96492)
25	McNayr, Philip G.	Waiver of Examination; Tennessee	(NCARB File No. 139780)
26	Meckley, Todd A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 72176)
27	Min, Ryan KJ	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 77837)
28	O'Byrne, Angela	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 47898)
29	Oxley, Andrew P.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 135023)
30	Parco, Thomas L.	Waiver of Examination; Oregon	(NCARB File No. 77417)
31	Regulinski, Mark C.	Waiver of Examination; District of Columbia	(NCARB File No. 65678)
32	Riviello, James M.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 52306)
33	Selby, Sean K.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 56897)
34	Shapiro, Bradford K.	Waiver of Examination; Mississippi	(NCARB File No. 47339)
35	Small, Jeffrey S.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
36	Sullivan, Stephen M.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	Direct
37	Trunk, Jonathan Daniel	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 106487)
38	Webb, Buddy D.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 54258)
39	Winchester, Deborah	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 741768)
40	Woollen, Joseph M.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 26892)
41	Wright, III, Douglas C.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 635881)
42	Wright, Michael W.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 64605)

2F. Applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture; the Department has reviewed and recommends for approval the following applications; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture in Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)*

BRR Architecture, Inc.
6700 Antioch Plaza, Suite 300
Merriam, Kansas 66204

James Hailey, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 12868

HBRA Architects, Inc.,
372 West Ontario, 2nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60654

Aric Lasher, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 12959

RDL Architects, Inc.
16102 Chagrin Boulevard, Suite 200
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120

Ronald D. Lloyd, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 12259

Togerson Design Partners
115 N 2nd Street
Ozark, Missouri 65721

John Togerson, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 12896

2G. Application for the Joint Corporate Practice of Architecture and Professional Engineering; the Department has reviewed and recommends for approval the following applications; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following application for the Joint Corporate Practice of Architecture and Professional Engineering in Connecticut. (Briggs/Jeter)*

Weston & Sampson PE, LS, LA PC
5 Centinnial Drive
Peabody, Massachusetts 01960

Michael J. Scipione, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 0022559

2H. Complaint Report from the Trade Practices Division concerning Complaints associated with the Architectural Licensing Board; for the Board's review.

2I. Update from the Department's Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or otherwise.

1. Memorandum from Mr. Steven Schwane dated July 16, 2014 concerning Pending License Application for ARI.12927; for review and action by the Board. The Board voted to deny this application. (Hurd/Jeter)

Prior to the vote, Ms. Morales expressed concern that the Board's action in denying this application may be negating this individual's means of earning a living in Connecticut. It was explained to Ms. Morales by other Members of the Board that the applicant is

licensed in New York State as an architect and that the work he has performed in Connecticut, to date, is not defined, by Statute, as architecture.

All members voted in favor with the exception of Ms. Carole Briggs who abstained from the vote due to her participation in the Department's investigation of this applicant. The Board cited in their motion that their action was based upon the reasons stated in Attorney Schwane's memorandum to them dated July 16, 2014.

This memorandum stated that the Department is recommending that the Board deny this application for the following reasons:

- 1) The applicant indicated on his license application that he had not been licensed previously in Connecticut. However, the applicant was licensed in Connecticut in 1989 and the license lapsed in 1992 and was never renewed;
- 2) The applicant has placed the seal for his lapsed Connecticut architect license on plans for residential work in Connecticut; and
- 3) The 2003 criminal conviction, which dealt with the improper cashing of the checks of an architectural client.

2. Memorandum from Mr. Steven Schwane dated July 16, 2014 concerning Public Act 14-210; for the Board's information. Mr. Schwane noted that this Act requires the Department of Consumer Protection starting in January of 2015 to file a report with the General Assembly which notes the number and nature of complaints and their dispositions.

3. Mr. Schwane noted that a Public Hearing will be held at the State Office Building on August 29, 2015 at 10:00 AM regarding the recently approved regulations concerning electronic seals. This is an opportunity for public comment on the proposed changes. The Board will attend this Hearing.

2J. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

1. Mr. Schwane announced to the Board that he will be retiring effective October 1, 2014. His replacement will be Lynn Fiore, an experienced Attorney with the Department of Consumer Protection

2. Ms. Briggs gave the Board a summary of her attendance at NCARB's 2015 Annual Meeting as noted below.

A. NCARB is proposing changes to their *Intern Development Program (IDP)* which will allow Interns an alternative path to licensure so that they can possibly be licensed upon graduation for enrolled in schools that are willing to integrate IDP and the

Architectural Registration Examination into their curriculums and for jurisdictions that are willing to do this. IDP program structure will be changed to eliminate much of the non-core discipline areas of experience.

B. Ms. Briggs is on the Examination Committee and stated that the Architectural Registration Examination (A.R.E.) is transitioning to a new examination over the next two years. As an aside, Ms. Briggs commended NCARB's Chief Executive Officer Mike Armstrong for his ambitious approach to making changes, however, she believes that he should give these changes "time to gel" before they are implemented.

3. The Board will hold a Special Meeting on Friday, August 29, 2014 in Room No. 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut to discuss and finalize their positions on the topics as detailed in NCARB's Kathy Hillegas's `June 23, 2014 E-Mail. It was decided to assign topics in this e-mail to selected Board Members to report on at this meeting as outlined below.

- 1.) Intern Development Program Changes - Bob Hurd
- 2.) Broadly Experienced Architect Changes Proposed for Discussion - David Barkin
- 3.) Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect Changes Proposed for Discussion - Ed Jeter

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. (Morales/Barkin) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 117; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator